

On March 12, 2006, a fire occurred at the Old Country Buffet restaurant, located at 445 East Palatine Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois. As a result of the fire, Buffets Holdings submitted a claim to Allianz. Plaintiff avers that Allianz made payment to Buffets Holdings in the amount of \$151,628.95. (See Affidavit of Warren Miller, attached as **Exhibit 1**, Sworn Statement in Proof of Loss, attached as **Exhibit 2**, and checks evidencing payment, attached as **Exhibit 3**).

As such, there is complete diversity, and the claim exceeds \$75,000. Therefore, this Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this case.

II. VENUE (PLAINTIFF'S POSITION)

Pursuant to 28 USC § 1391, a civil action founded on diversity of citizenship may be brought in a judicial district where any defendant resides, a judicial district where a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claim occurred or a judicial district in which any defendant is subject to personal jurisdiction at the time the action is commenced, if there is no other district where the action can be brought.

The present case arises from a fire at the Old Country Buffet restaurant located at 445 East Palatine Road in Arlington Heights, Illinois. (See Affidavit of Warren Miller, attached as **Exhibit 1**). The Defendant, Novak Construction, is a resident of Chicago, Illinois. As such, this claim is proper in this district, as the Defendant resides in the district and the event giving rise to the claim occurred in the district.

Respectfully submitted,

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COMPANY, as subrogee of Buffets Holdings, Inc.

Dated: 3/14/08

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on 3/14/08, I electronically filed **Joint Jurisdictional Status Report** with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to the following: Christina L. Pawlowski,

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